



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

02-422

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

AUGUST 5, 2002

On July 16, 2002, bids were received by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Fleur Drive Resurfacing project from the railroad viaduct north of Bell Avenue heading south to McKinley Avenue. Only one bid was received which was from Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company (Jim Gauger, President, 903 SE 22nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50317) in the amount of \$830,421.72. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

SUBJECT:

FLEUR DRIVE
RESURFACING

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

Sufficient funding for this project is available in the Fleur Drive Resurfacing Program in the 2002-03/2007-08 Capital Improvements Program, Page STR-26, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR199, Index Code 485144, Activity ID 06-2002-007.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

Award of this construction contract to Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company.

BACKGROUND -

This project was bid by IDOT on June 4, 2002, at which time only one bid was received. At that time, IDOT rejected Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company's bid for failure to comply with Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements. IDOT rebid the project and recommends acceptance of Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Company's current bid of \$830,421.72.

Staff did contact another contractor in the area who stated the reason they did not submit a bid was because of scheduling conflicts. Engineering staff compared the unit price for some of the significant bid items to other bids received. The bid unit price for pavement

scarification of \$1.35 per square yard compares favorably with the average IDOT unit bid price of \$1.61 per square yard for this construction season. The bid unit price for Hot Mix Asphalt of \$52.46 per ton also compares favorably with the unit bid price of \$54.75 in the 2002 Pavement Resurfacing Program that was bid by the City in June 2002. The bid received was less than 5 percent over the Engineer's estimate.
